



To Christians of All Lands:

*Grace to you and peace from God  
the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ*

**T**HE Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, the American Committee for the World Council of Churches and the Foreign Missions Conference of North America express their gratitude to the God of the nations and the Father of all men that the night of war has passed. During these years of conflict our fellow Christians in many parts of the world have endured privations grievous to be borne. Their lot has been that of peril and of pain. They have seen carnage and catastrophe wrought by war. Many have walked through the valley of the shadow of death. Others have been persecuted for Christ's sake and not a few have sealed with their blood the faith that was theirs.

Through no merit of our own we have been spared the devastation of our cities and countryside, the destruction of our churches, the desecration of our altars. Nor have we been required to eat of the bitter fruits of tyranny and oppression. We are for this reason the more eager to share the grief and suffering which have befallen our brethren in other lands. We are bereaved in the loss of our soldier dead as are the peoples of other lands in the loss of their soldier dead. May it please the Christ of Calvary to make us ministers of his compassion in a world tortured by the travail of war's desolation.

We interpret the cessation of hostilities as a clarion call to Christians to achieve in the here and now a righteous world order. For ourselves we have sought to define the principles which we believe are essential to the establishment of a just and durable peace. We believe it is contrary to the gospel that nations in their dealings with one another should be motivated by the spirit of revenge and retaliation. We believe it to be incumbent upon our own and other nations to promote and safeguard the general welfare of all peoples. We believe that government which derives its just powers from the consent of the governed is the truest expression of the rights and dignity of men. We rejoice in the knowledge that peace aims kindred in spirit and outlook to those of our churches have been espoused with clarity and forthrightness by a vast multitude of Christians across the sea.

We see in the San Francisco Charter the promise of a true community of nations. We are gratified that the United States has already ratified the Charter. We look forward to the day when the United Nations Organization will displace the anarchy of competing and unrestrained sovereign states. We believe that an enduring peace requires that all nations willing to accept and fulfill the obligations of the Charter should thereupon be made members of the United Nations Organization. We believe the treatment of Germany and Japan should aim to bring these nations at an early date into normal relations with the world community. Just as the war was a global war so the peace, if it is to endure, must be a global peace.

We are determined to work for the continued expansion of the curative and creative functions of the United Nations Organization, for the fulfillment of the purposes assigned to such agencies as the International Court of Justice, the Economic and Social Council, the proposed Commission for the Promotion of Human Rights, and the Trusteeship Council. We desire to be

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Above is a reprint of the message sent by the churches of America to Christians in other lands soon after the cessation of fighting. The thoughts expressed merit rereading and rethinking during Brotherhood Week.

# The Sabbath Recorder



## *Washington's Prayer for the Country*

Following is the concluding paragraph of the Circular Letter to the governors of all the States on disbanding the Army, June 8, 1783.

I now make it my earnest prayer, that God would have you, and the State over which you preside, in his holy protection; that he would incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; to entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another, for their fellow citizens of the United States at large, and particularly for their brethren who have served in the field; and finally, that he would most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind, which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without an humble imitation of whose example in these things, we can never hope to be a happy nation.

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## Editorials

### MAKING SCRIPTURE LIVE

"Most significant event of 1946"—that is how church leaders are hailing the introduction of the new Revised Standard Version of the New Testament. Formally released to the public on February 11, the latest rewording of Scripture is now coming under the scrutiny of the average reader. His reaction during the months and years to come will be the deciding factor as to whether or not this new version will assume a place of importance along with the great translations of the past.

The expressed purpose of the modern day translators has been to make the Scriptures come alive in the language of the day. They believe "that the New Testament is alive, timeless, always modern, and relevant to the spiritual life of each new age," and as such ought to be adapted in wording to the mode of expression today. This they have attempted to do, while maintaining the graceful majesty of the King James Bible and always keeping the intent of the original. A big order!

Even if they have succeeded, it will probably be a long time before the new version will supplant the basic King James as a version for universal study, memorization, and appreciation. While the new phraseology undoubtedly will be especially useful to be read aloud in public service or family circle and may help to make Jesus' teachings more understandable to the masses of humanity and more applicable to contemporary problems, somehow nothing will ever give the same thrill of satisfaction as the old familiar passages the way many of us have committed them to memory. For example, "And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. . . ." That is the Christmas story, and any other way of telling it is a substitute at best.

Scholars have worked for many years to make the New Testament a "common" book and will continue a number of years more to make the Old Testament "common," also. If common turns out to mean that more and more millions of people will come to know God's message for the world and that people more universally will accept Christ's way of life and his gift of salvation—if that is what common means, then this common version is fine. But the Bible never has been, and never will be, just another, common book.

Whence but from heaven, could men unskill'd in arts  
In several ages born, in several parts,  
Weave such agreeing truths? —Dryden.

### FOUR FRONTS FOR PEACE

Five years ago the Commission on a Just and Durable Peace was instituted to study the basis of a lasting world order. Its initial campaign was designed to bring about a world organization; it is now revealed that at that time even the President of the United States doubted that such a general world organization would receive public support.

Efforts were continued in that direction, however, and early in 1943 the commission on peace issued a statement which specified the kind of organization it thought should be created. Protestant churchmen studied this document, Six Pillars to Peace,

and let their reactions be known. It is believed that the churches of America were thus a powerful influence in bringing about the establishment of the UNO, which is empowered to seek peace in the ways Christians advocate.

Now that the world has moved into a new postwar phase, there is need for a new overall program. This need is graphically and forcefully emphasized by John Foster Dulles, the chairman of the peace commission. He warns, "Now is a critical time in the making of a lasting peace. What is done today will largely determine the direction of the future. Christians have a special responsibility to see that this direction is toward the prevention of war."

To meet the challenge of the new era the commission has issued a statement calling for action on four fronts for peace. The four fronts have been summarized as follows:

1. **THE INNER FRONT.** Let us seek to cleanse our hearts of the evil contaminations of war and pray God to renew a right spirit within us.
2. **THE CHURCH FRONT.** Let us seek unity of effort, by all men of good will, at home and abroad, in order that their influence may accomplish the task that lies ahead.
3. **THE PEACE TREATY FRONT.** Let us seek peace treaties which embody principles of justice and which will promote the general welfare.
4. **THE UNITED NATIONS FRONT.** Let us seek that the United Nations Organization develop its curative and creative functions so that, through common effort against the common threats to mankind, the peoples of the world may find fellowship.

Designed to be a guide for several years, the four fronts statement is commended to church people for careful thought and thorough deliberation. "It deals with general strategy more than with particular applications of that strategy," explains Mr. Dulles. "But no one can read the statement without realizing that its policies will confront much opposition."

If church people rally to the cause, undoubtedly that opposition can be overcome, and this new statement will do as much to mold the future as the former statement did to mold the present.

Booklets entitled "Christian Action on Four Fronts for Peace" are available at nominal cost from the Commission on a Just and Durable Peace, 297 Fourth Ave., New

York 10, N. Y. These might well form the background for a series of forum discussions. During the coming weeks a series of articles by eminent Americans is being made available for publication in the Sabbath Recorder. As a contribution to public discussion and to augment other information, these articles will be designed to stimulate further thought about the four peace fronts. An alert and fully informed public is vital, for it has been exemplified repeatedly that the course being set today may well determine whether the world atmosphere a few years from now shall be one of friendliness or hostility.

### PIN POINT EDITORIALS

"Remember that your empty pew always places a question mark after your profession of faith."

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Many and pointed orders have been issued against the unmeaning and abominable custom of swearing; notwithstanding which, with much regret, the General observes that it prevails, if possible, more than ever. His feelings are continually wounded by the oaths and imprecations of the soldiers, whenever he is in hearing of them. The name of that Being from whose bountiful goodness we are permitted to exist and enjoy the comforts of life is incessantly imprecated and profaned in a manner as wanton as it is shocking. For the sake, therefore, of religion, decency, and order, the General hopes and trusts that officers of every rank will use their influence and authority to check a vice which is as unprofitable as wicked and shameful. If officers would make it an inviolable rule to reprimand, and, if that won't do, to punish soldiers for offenses of this kind, it would not fail to have the desired effect.—George Washington.

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"A person may be doctrinally sound and spiritually sound asleep."

### EDITORIAL FROM THE PAST

#### IN HONOR OF WASHINGTON

Probably there is no man in modern history whom the people delight to honor more than George Washington. Perhaps no man's life has had a greater appeal to young and old, wise and simple, soldier and patriot, than his. His boyish escapades delight the young; his daring bravery intrigues youth, while his achievements in engineering, his skill and success in military leadership, together with his unselfishness and wisdom in establishing a United States government, commend and ennoble him in the esteem of all.

It is fitting therefore that unusual attention should be paid to his memory at this time. On February 22, at noon, President Hoover will officially open the nine months' nation-wide George Washington Bicentennial Celebration. . . . Doubtless on the Sabbath of February 20, pastors and preachers in Seventh Day Baptist pulpits will take occasion to point lessons of brotherhood and patriotism.

H. C. Van Horn.

February 22, 1932.

## GUEST EDITORIAL

### "BROTHERHOOD — A CHALLENGE"

(From the Committee on Production and Syndication of Religious Education Materials of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Inc., 381 Fourth Avenue, New York 16.)

This is Brotherhood Week—in the new atomic age. Here is a challenge worthy of Americans. Can we work together with our neighbors at home and abroad, and enjoy an era of peace and prosperity such as the world has never known? or shall we muffle the peace and plunge the world into complete destruction? In a few months or years we may no longer have the choice. Just now it's still up to us.

We know we must get along with other nations, in spite of the fact that their language, their customs, and even their political systems are different from our own. This may not be as difficult as it sounds. For friendship begins at home, and America is a great laboratory. We have already learned to understand and respect many different people—the neighbors down the block who attend a different church, the folks on the next street who use strange seasonings in their food, the little colored boy in the same grade with Junior.

War brought the people of this country closer together than ever before. We worked together, Catholic, Protestant, and Jew; white, black, and yellow; native and foreign-born. Together we defeated the enemy in spite of every effort to divide us. As President Truman puts it: "The armies of the United Nations won a conclusive victory over the forces of tyranny which exploited racial and religious hatred to divide the world and destroy freedom."

Brotherhood Week reminds us that we must maintain this unity if we are to win

the peace. The conquest of the atom heralds unheard-of wonders — or swift and total destruction. Tomorrow we will live in "one world—or none." Either we work together as equal citizens of that world, or there will be no world left in which to work.

What world citizenship can mean is demonstrated in the realm of medicine where the practical benefits of brotherhood are felt by every one of us. An Englishman developed a vaccination for smallpox; a French chemist produced the cure for rabies; the discoveries of a Japanese and a German guard our children from diphtheria; pellagra is being cured today because of the researches of an Austrian. These men—and thousands like them of every race and creed—never thought in terms of national boundaries, religious groupings, or racial differences. They were servants of all mankind.

Such is the harvest of brotherhood—the only harvest that can bring us lasting peace.



### LIGHT ON OUR WAY

By Pearle Halladay



#### Jesus said:

Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him

#### The promise is:

shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. —John 4: 13, 14.

#### Jesus said:

Say ye not, There are yet four months, and then cometh the harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.—John 4: 35.

#### The promise is:

And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.—John 4: 36.

#### Let this be our prayer:

Give me this water, that I thirst not.—John 4: 15.

How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings. For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.—Psalm 36: 7, 9.



## STUDY to show thyself approved UNTO GOD

### THE BLESSING OF TEMPTATION

By Rev. Herbert L. Cottrell

"Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." — Matthew 6: 13.

It would be very easy for anyone of us to name many things which we do not enjoy. One thing which would doubtless be on the list of everyone is temptation. Another word for temptation is trial or testing. It is something which calls for endurance, self-denial, and hardship. Jesus must have realized the danger of temptation when he included in the Lord's prayer this petition: "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." Yet, temptation may be the source of great blessing, although it may be very difficult indeed for us to realize it at all times.

In the first place, if we are proud and self-confident, it makes us feel our weakness, incompleteness, and insufficiency. We are compelled to feel the need of help; and, as Christians, we are taught to lean harder on Jesus Christ.

Temptation is a call to strengthen our faith in God and his promises. In 1 Corinthians 10: 13 we read: "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations." 2 Peter 2: 9. We would have no occasion to test the validity of such promises as these, were it not for temptation.

Temptation also constitutes the testing process which tries our characters and makes them stronger. Such a spiritual testing is important as is shown by different passages of Scripture: "When he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold." "For thou, O God, hath proved us: thou hast tried us, as silver is tried." John, when writing to the Laodiceans, counselled them "to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be

rich." This "gold" must mean character tried by temptation. Thus the right attitude toward temptation strengthens and broadens character.

Because of temptation, we are united with Christ by a common bond of sympathy and understanding; for he was "in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."

Finally, through the faithful endurance of temptation, we may look forward to receiving "a crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him."

### WHAT CONSTITUTES PERMANENT PEACE?

(Composed from memory by Fremont C Monroe)

"Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread?" (Isaiah 55: 2.) "Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" (Luke 6: 46.) "Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God." (Mark 10: 18.) An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, and one spiritual truth from the Word of God is worth a trainload of theory. Judas, Belshazzar, and Pharaoh had a theory which worked destruction. David, Paul, and Peter tried a theory, repented, and became powers in God's hand for spiritual righteousness and truth.

"Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them." (Psalm 119: 165.) As for others, "The way of peace have they not known:" (Romans 3: 17). "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5: 1). For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace" (Romans 8: 6). In Christ's Sermon on the Mount, he said, "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. . . . Bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you. . . . Ye cannot serve God and mammon. . . . Take no thought saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? . . . But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

In Psalm 19: 3-9 we have the law, testimony, statutes, commandments, and judgments, as written by a man after God's own heart. If it was necessary for such characters as David, Peter, and Paul to repent, is it not also necessary for people at this time to do likewise in order to obtain permanent peace? "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall" (1 Corinthians 10: 12). "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way, and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53: 6). "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer." (Psalm 19: 14).

Battle Creek, Mich.

## Church Dedicated to Stand Like a Beacon

### — Elaborate Service and Ritual Considered Insufficient

By Rev. Herbert L. Cottrell

(Sermon preached at the dedication of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of God of Putnam County at Carraway, Fla., Sabbath day, December 15, 1945.)

We are assembled here today for a most wonderful and sacred purpose: the dedication of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of God of Putnam County at Carraway, Fla. What does it mean to dedicate this church? It means to set it apart; to consecrate it to a special divine purpose; to make it stand for something worth while in the community; to surround it and permeate it with such a divine atmosphere that when people look at it, their thoughts, purposes, and ideals will be ennobled and their lives will be uplifted to God and his Son Jesus Christ.

We want to make this church stand for something worth while. Many times as we ride through different villages and cities and travel over the countryside, we see buildings standing that are much in need of repair. Many are in such a rickety condition that they are almost ready to tumble down. They seem to be only a rendezvous for rats and mice. They stand for no purpose. They only cumber the ground.

But what an inspiration it is to see buildings that are beautiful, well-constructed, well-painted, and kept in good repair, that stand for a purpose. We look at a school building and we know that building stands for the training and education of the youth, the development of their latent talents and possibilities, the nurture of their hopes and aspirations. Thus the youth grow into the men and women upon whom we depend to make our country truly great. What a wonderful thing for a building to stand for the education of the young.

We are here today to dedicate this building, to set it apart, to make it stand for even a more divine purpose than the mere intellectual education and training of the young. We set it apart, dedicate it, to be used for the worship of God and the salvation of men; the promotion of spiritual

knowledge, including the study of the Bible; the cultivation of brotherly love and training in unselfish Christian service.

How can we dedicate or set apart a church for such a divine purpose? Mere empty words, an elaborate service, or ritual, however beautiful, may have its place, but will not, of itself, really dedicate this building to its holy service. Back in the time when the children of Israel were in bondage Cyrus made a decree that the temple at Jerusalem should be rebuilt. When the temple was finished, it says that the priests, Levites, and some of the children of Israel went up to Jerusalem and dedicated the temple by offering up one hundred bullocks, two hundred rams, and four hundred lambs; also twelve he-goats for a sin offering for all Israel, a he-goat for each tribe. But all that spilling of blood did not really dedicate the temple.

How then can we dedicate this building? Let us listen to what Lincoln said in substance in his famous Gettysburg Address: "But in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate—we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. . . . It is for us, the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the great task remaining before us." These words of Lincoln give us an idea as to how we can best dedicate this church.

We can make our lives the living expression of the life, service, and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. We must so live that when people look at us, they will be led to think of Jesus. There is a beautiful gospel song entitled "Can the World See Jesus in You?" Dear church members, can the world, your next-door neighbors, really see Jesus in you? It is your everyday, consistent, Christian life and your unselfish service and willing sacrifice for God and humanity that is going to dedicate this church. It is up to you to decide for what this building will stand.

What must be the supreme characteristic of our lives? We must put Christ first.

"Now as he walked by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men. And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him. And when he had gone a little farther thence, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the ship mending their nets. And straightway he called them: and they left their father Zebedee in the ship with the hired servants, and went after him." There can be nothing so important or sacred in this world that we can put it ahead of Jesus Christ.

We can dedicate this church by making it the place where many boys and girls and men and women find God and give their hearts to him and begin a new life. The place where a person is converted is always a most sacred spot, and so you can make this building sacred to scores of people if you will.

You can make it a meeting place for the highest social intercourse where the traits of true friendship and brotherly love are fostered and developed.

You can dedicate this church so it will stand like a beacon light for this whole community. Sometimes, on a bright night, I look up into the heavens and study the stars. I am no astronomer, but I love to look at the different constellations, especially the Great Dipper. The two end stars in the bowl of the Dipper are called the pointers because they point to the North Star, the star

around which all the other stars of the heavens revolve. In a sense, the North Star is the most important star.

So our lives should be like the "Pointers" turning men's attention and vision and desire toward the Great Divine North Star, Jesus Christ, as their Saviour and Guide. In so doing you will make this church a beacon light, a building that will stand in the minds of men for love and service to God and humanity.

"Life is real! Life is earnest  
And the grave is not its goal;  
Dust thou art, to dust returnest,  
Was not spoken of the soul.

"Not enjoyment and not sorrow  
Is our destined end or way.  
But to act that each tomorrow  
Finds us farther than today.

"Let us, then, be up and doing,  
With a heart for any fate;  
Still achieving, still pursuing,  
Learn to labor and to wait."

In this way, with God's help, you may most truly dedicate this church which you love.

#### Letter Reveals Needs — Reports Activities

We thought that the readers of the Sabbath Recorder would like to hear how God is blessing in this missionary field.

This is a needy field. The people are poor, but love the Lord and his teachings. We hold Sabbath services at the Carraway church. My husband and I are co-pastors of this church. We hold services from house

Church at Carraway,  
Florida

Pictured are the members who attended dedication services. Pastor Chase stands on the right and Mrs. Chase is second from the left.



to house here in Palatka wherever we are invited. We had seventeen adults and four children at the last service we held. The people here are anxious to hear the Word of God and the Sabbath teachings.

A young couple has accepted the Lord and united with the church. We praise God for this young couple. We have several young people interested in the church, and they take part in the services. God is blessing, and these dear folks are accepting Christ and the Sabbath.

We held the dedication service December 15, 1945. Rev. Herbert L. Cottrell preached the dedication sermon, and Rev. Norman L. Chase prayed and dedicated the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of God of Putnam County to the Lord. There were six cars of visitors from Daytona Beach Church. Among these friends were several Seventh Day Baptist ministers.

Dinner was served at the church. We enjoyed singing and rejoicing in the Lord that the church was built and set aside for God's work and for the upbuilding of the community. After dinner was served, pictures were taken of the church and all who attended. Then we had a good time getting acquainted with each other. We enjoyed having all who came from Daytona Beach and other places for the dedication of the church. May God bless them all.

We visit the hospital and call at homes and visit and have Bible studies. Pray that the donations will come in that this work may grow and souls will be saved and keep the true Sabbath.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Effie Mae Chase.

Palatka, Fla.

He sees when our footsteps falter,  
When our hearts grow weak and faint.  
He wakes when our strength is failing  
And listens to each complaint.  
He bids us rest for a season  
When our pathway has grown too steep—  
And folded in his green pastures  
He giveth his loved ones sleep.

—Author unknown.

#### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR MARCH 2, 1946

A People Finding a Homeland  
Basic Scripture—Book of Joshua  
Memory Selection—Deuteronomy 8: 10

### FIRST THINGS FIRST

#### Greater Growth

Are you pleased that I have so long refrained from calling our lack of growth to your attention? I cannot refrain longer.



P. B. Hurley

Another calendar year has rolled around, and the businessman has taken inventory. If month after month or year after year he has been losing customers, he may even be thinking of going out of business. Probably, however, he is looking carefully, thoughtfully, within to see if the trouble is his, his clerks, or his methods. He will doubtless make some desperate efforts to obtain more customers.

Our record last year, as received by the secretary at Commission meeting last summer, was not so bad, but it was not complete. If complete it might have been either better or worse. The loss instead of being sixty-four or more as usual was only thirteen. It was still a loss. Will all church clerks please resolve right now to get their reports to the secretary well ahead of time so the record may be complete at Conference this year.

One half of the second laymen's Conference year is past. We are not entitled to it, but are having this second year because of "conditions beyond our control." May we use it to its completion in a special effort to make it a success in **greater growth**, spiritually, numerically, and financially.

Let us all **study** our Text Book daily, preferably in the morning—or better still, both morning and evening. We cannot grow spiritually without spiritual food any more than we can grow and keep well physically without food.

Let us tithe our incomes; and when we have experienced the blessing of that, we will give gifts and so will grow financially. The budget will not only be raised in full but will far exceed expectations.

Let each of us ask a stranger, a neighbor, or other friend to go with us to church and Bible school not only once but regularly. Let us ask them to join us. Let us ask the pastor to teach a class in personal work so we may be the better prepared for the job. If we fail, we should have the pastor contact our "prospects" to see if he can bring

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## Woman's Work

Frances Davis, Salem, W. Va.

### LITERACY AND LITERATURE

#### AIDS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

The services that "literacy and literature" must render to Christian missions this fateful year are so central and so important that they cannot be done piece-meal. The needs are so many and so urgent that we must co-operate to meet them in the same way we have found effective in support of colleges, medical schools, and hospitals in mission lands. Only in this way can boards working in limited fields share in Christ's command to go into all the world.

Reports direct from fields humble us all with their gratitude and appreciation for the aid you helped us provide.

"La Aurora," the Union Publishing House in Buenos Aires, sends word that, since the beginning of this policy of interdenominational subsidy less than three years ago, their production and distribution of Christian literature in eastern South America has more than doubled: from \$42,300 to an \$85,500 business!

Ronald Rees of the Literature Committee of China's Christian Council relayed to us the thanks of the editor (H. Y. Chiang) of "The Christian Farmer" for funds that played a large part in saving that most influential of all China's Christian periodicals from suspending publication this last year.

Guatemala reports that Paul R. Winn's literacy campaign (subsidized by the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature) is so successful that this year it has received government recognition and co-operation. A recent "each one teach one" edict looks toward the banishing of illiteracy from Guatemala by 1949.

The National Christian Councils appealing through area committees are asking for \$92,999 this year.

#### In India

Be a Carnegie for India. Endow a village library. It does not call for a fortune; it calls for just three dollars in American money. That will buy sixty booklets on subjects close to the lives of India's villagers. The booklets will be housed in an empty kerosene can, to keep out the white ants, and carried to one of India's 700,000 villages. You help share the postwar world when you mold the thought of some of India's 388 millions.

#### In China

China's fine Christian leaders wish to lead her in right ways. A magazine which is shaping the thoughts of China's rural masses is "The Christian Farmer." Its circulation has gone up amazingly in spite of inflation and transportation difficulties. This valued household magazine has a splendid record in implanting Christian ideals. It relates the Christian gospel to agriculture, health, recreation, family, and community life. It tells of crops but it also tells of Christ. A gift of three dollars will extend the work of "The Christian Farmer," this fine instrument of newspaper evangelism.

#### In Africa

Africa offers an opportunity to lead the thinking of millions by the provision of simple Christian literature for new readers. We can see that the first "talking leaves" which the African villagers read implant worth-while ideas. The booklets in the African Home Library are of this nature. They are sold for two cents each, to make them available to all. The editor, Miss Margaret Wrong, hopes to raise the forty titles

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### SCINTILLATING SKYLINE TO SQUALID STREET

At midnight in August—we stood atop the great R.C.A. Building in New York City. Below us there spread out a skyline which beggared all description. Little strings of pearls radiated in all directions; here a world-famed boulevard, there a slumbering office building, yonder the breathtaking bridge connecting three great boroughs.

Yet, as we drank it in, we were conscious that beneath this scintillating skyline were squalid streets. We could not see the ghoully spectre of a woman half-crazed with drugs, nor the furtive form of a boy clutching the spoils of his first theft, nor the mad bickering of the market place. Nevertheless, it was there, and we knew it.

The tragedy of today is that so much we ought to see is covered over by strings of pearls. We never see the miserable hovels of the forgotten, nor the beastliness of the craven, nor the forlorn faces of those who have never heard the Master promise his faith and hope and love. Could it be that the despairing cry of Jesus, as he looked over the skyline of ancient Jerusalem, was occasioned not so much by what he could see as by what he knew was hidden? — Selected.

## Missions

Rev. William L. Burdick, D.D., Ashaway, R. I.

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Checks and money orders should be drawn to the order of Karl G. Stillman, Westerly, R. I.

### FINANCIAL HELP READY TO BE SENT TO CHINA

Hospital and Chapel to Be Rebuilt

By George B. Utter  
Recording Secretary

Financial help for the work in China will be sent just as soon as it is possible to send money there. An appropriation was made at the January meeting of the board as a result of pleas from Dr. Grace I. Crandall, who has now returned to China, that they have a definite policy from the board.

As a result, the sum of \$2,400 was appropriated for the year's work, and the treasurer was advised to send, starting immediately, \$200 a month. This should enable Doctor Crandall to do clinic work at Liuhu. The board has asked for suggestions as to the needs for the future in China.

At the same time the board adopted as its policy that, as soon as money is provided by the Second Century Fund, the hospital at Liuhu and the chapel in the old city of Shanghai be rebuilt. With the money situation as it is in China, the board is in the dark as to what program should be adopted and what work it will be possible to have done there. It is believed, however, that it will be some time before any real construction can be undertaken.

According to a communication from Doctor Crandall, the hospital at Liuhu is "flat," only a few red tiles being left there; but the church was found to be in fair shape, also the house where Doctor Palmborg lived, and the little house built for the industrial work. Doctor Palmborg's old servant is living in one of the buildings, and it is here that Doctor Crandall suggests she might reopen the work if funds are made available for that purpose.

Doctor Crandall seems to think that opportunities will be opened for securing funds to help rebuild if the clinic is opened and people begin to receive treatment.

Doctor Crandall also suggests that further development in China may be the opening of a new hospital at Dzang-zok, which is some thirty miles from Liuhu, where there is land ready to build upon if the mission

decides to do it. She speaks of it as an "ideal place for a recuperating sanitarium."

Dr. Lincoln Pan, it is hoped, will return to the service of the mission, and that Doctor Esther, the daughter of Doctor Crandall, might start practice at Dzank-zok.

Reports show that the school buildings in Shanghai have been damaged very little, but money is needed for normal repairs.

No action was taken on the request of T. M. Chang, principal of the boys' school, that he come to the United States for a year of study. It is not possible at present to secure passports, and travel is discouraged by any one except the military, according to the Secretary of State in Washington. It is doubtful if Mr. Chang could be brought to America for some months, even if the board decided to do so. The board is considering the advisability of sending someone from this country to survey the situation in China, and with authority to act in behalf of the Missionary Board.

The recommendations as adopted are as follows:

1. That the clinic at Liuhu, or wherever Doctor Crandall decides is best, be opened, and that arrangements be made by her. That Doctor Crandall be notified that the board is prepared to send on demand any amount of money up to \$2,400 during the next year, and that the treasurer start sending, as soon as it is possible to send money to China, \$200 a month, and that the board ask for suggestions as to the needs for the future.

2. Under the present emergency that the rule of retirement at seventy years should be suspended in the case of Dr. Grace Crandall.

3. Repairs be made to the school and church property in Shanghai as soon as required.

4. When the time is opportune, and when the funds are provided under the Second Century Fund, that the Liuhu Hospital and the chapel in the old city of Shanghai be rebuilt.

5. Since an evangelist and teachers are needed, that immediate steps be taken to find those who may be sent to the China field.

Westerly, R. I.

### MABEL WEST WRITES ABOUT CONDITIONS IN CHINA

The Wests send greetings for the new year. May it be a year of increasing peace in the world and for each of us a greater opportunity for service in the cause of the Master who came to bring peace to the world.

We have sent at least three messages to different ones of you; but since no reply has come, we will try again. This time the letter will surely go through, since the Navy will take the letter for us.

You will be glad to know that there is greater interest than ever in the Church and its teachings in China. The pastor of our church with the Bible woman, Mrs. Koo, and their many helpers have not been asleep. The church building is usually very well filled on Sabbath day. In addition many services are held during the week: Christian Endeavor, special Bible classes for the people learning about Christ, and prayer meetings. Beginning with the fifteenth of this month, special meetings are held every day. Pastor Bang of Ningpo is holding a Bible class in the morning and an evangelistic service in the afternoon. All of these are being well attended.

The members of the church have kept up the support of the pastor very well. All of the funds raised have been paid out to him and to the others supported by church contribution. During these hard years when the prices were going up month by month, they found it impossible to hold to a fixed salary. Since the funds that came in had to be divided among the workers, it left nothing for repairs; so the need of such is indeed very great.

The yearly meeting held on New Year's day was very well attended. They served a simple but very tasty Chinese meal at noon, so that people could have a little time to visit and rest at noon. The afternoon session came at two o'clock. The reports were of the work the church is doing. One woman told how they have held meetings on the streets; another reported the weekly cottage prayer meetings held in various places; another member of his plan for looking after the church members. They are divided into groups and one person is appointed as the head of each group. The chairman of the music committee, a son of our Bible woman, has done excellent work with the choir. He,

himself, is a busy student in a medical school. If he cannot be present, he has someone to go on with the work. The treasurer reported the difficulty of acting in that capacity. She is a busy woman with a large family. But the trouble now is the different kinds of money used in this city. Now there is a fixed rate between the Japanese bank bills, the Custom Gold Units, and the national currency; so it may be easier this year. I was interested to hear that the pastor has been paid better than the average church workers in war time in Shanghai.

The Chinese friends are anxiously waiting the return of foreign workers to the field. Everywhere it seems to be the same. Many boards have already sent some representatives; so our people are hoping for someone soon.

Mother and I are rejoicing in having Doctor Crandall with us and Doctor Thorngate dropping in at intervals. Until you have been away from your own folks for a long time and had to go through experiences not too easy, you do not appreciate the joy that their coming means to us. Then to be able to hear from our many friends at home has been indeed a pleasure. The letters and their cheer give us a new lease on life.

God has kept us in a wonderful way through these four years, and especially through the months in concentration camp and the six months before when we were prisoners in our own home. We have lost many possessions, but so have many here. Some of the friends at home have lost even more than we.

Doctor Crandall and Doctor Thorngate have done quite a little in the way of very necessary business for the return of property. Plans are being talked over for enlarging the work on the field. Many prayers are going up here, and may there be many more there for the growth of the Christian Church everywhere. The suffering here has been terrible, but people are already forgetting that and looking forward to better days.

Our schools have grown. We are so situated that we filled a great need for education. Many schools just across in Nantao had to be closed. It is with us, as with others, difficult to hold the good teachers because of the low salaries paid to them. If

high tuitions are charged many poor families cannot give their children the education they need.

The Sabbath morning service for the students is held in two places. The older students completely fill the church, so the higher primary have another meeting in the school auditorium.

On the Sabbath before Christmas the musical services were all held in the church, one after the other. You would have enjoyed those, though you might not understand all of the words. The choir, as usual, sang the carols beautifully. On Christmas night the students went out singing, and many who were already graduated came back to go out in groups to sing to us and other teachers.

Yes, it is good to be back among the students again.

We hope that ere long we may be able to hear directly from you and to know more of the general work through the Sabbath Recorder. Winthrop Davis has passed on two copies, which we have eagerly devoured. Soon the mails will be coming more regularly, but at present the air service seems to be the satisfactory method of sending and receiving letters.

We ask your prayers that all of us may be guided aright in our work and plans for the future.

### DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

(Continued from back cover)

actively at work. The return of some of our men from the service of their country, the unlimited use of gasoline, and perhaps an increase in interest in the work of the church have resulted in recent months in a material increase in attendance at the worship service and Bible school, the church being well filled.

A fine Christmas program, in charge of Mrs. Erlo E. Sutton, was given on the evening of December 22 before a filled house. The program consisted of singing and exercises by the children's division; special music by the church choir; and a pantomime, "Angels from the Realm of Glory," by the older young people of the church, under the leadership of Mrs. Grant Burdick. Following this was a beautiful scene of the nativity, using one of our babies.



All churches are being asked by the Second Century Fund Committee to send in membership lists. To date the following churches have complied:

New York City	Westerly
Battle Creek	Berea
Edinburg	Dinuba
Jackson Center	Ashaway

Pastors and clerks! Please keep those lists coming, and don't forget to include names and addresses of possible friends of our mission work. This is an important aspect of our plans.  
D. S. C.

### FIRST THINGS FIRST

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them to Christ. After we have had evangelistic meetings in our own church and won as many as possible, let us send the pastor out to establish another church or at least strengthen a pastorless church.

Let's "everyone win one."

Perley B. Hurley,  
Conference President.

### LITERACY AND LITERATURE

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now obtainable to four hundred. The booklets are needed in French, Portuguese, and in African languages. Subsidies in units of \$3 are required to help add new titles to the African Home Library.

#### In Latin America

The plans for Christian literature for Latin America also take in rural groups. A whole series of pamphlets on Christian home and family life will be printed as rapidly as funds are available for their production. The booklets already off the press are being ordered by the thousands. Gifts in units of \$3 will help to publish such titles as "Christian Standards of Home Life" or "Things All Mothers Should Know." Here is another opportunity to help shape the world to be.

#### For Moslems in All the World

Give wings to the silent, abiding, persistent "evangelist" among Moslems — the printed page. Three dollars will provide a carefully selected supply of tracts, booklets, and books especially written for Moslems to be placed in reading rooms, libraries, and churches in such lands as China, India, Iran, Syria, Egypt, North Africa, and Arabia.

—Release.

Societies or individuals may forward gifts for "literacy and literature" through the treasurer of the Women's Board, Mrs. Venie E. Bond, Salem, W. Va. Such contributions should be plainly labeled for literacy and literature.  
F. S.

### CHAPLAIN ROOD TRANSFERRED

Chaplain Wayne R. Rood has recently been transferred to Sendai on Honshu Island, Japan.

Chaplain Rood has been serving in the 105th Infantry Regiment with the 27th Division. It was while the chaplain was still with that division that T/5 Ronald Hargis, formerly of Battle Creek, became his assistant. Together they were sent to the 77th Infantry Division on Hokkaido, an island of northern Japan, at Sapporo.

From Sapporo, Chaplain Rood was transferred to Hakodate on the same island. Latest information from him tells of another transfer to the Honshu Island location, and to a new unit, the 1129th Engineer Combat Group.

one or the other of our churches each quarter. Pastor Cruzan delivered an excellent sermon. In the afternoon the young people, under the direction of Gerry Thorngate and Sally Jeffrey, put on a Bible play, "Ruth the Loyal," portraying the Book of Ruth. On the evening following, a good program—consisting of local and radio talent—was given in the auditorium, and a social hour with games followed in the social room.

—Contributed.

#### Shiloh, N. J.

The Sabbath sign advertising our church and the Sabbath has been erected on the selected location between Shiloh and Bridgeton. This sign contains both a message on the Sabbath and a splendid gospel message.

During the past year as many tracts as possible have been distributed. There has been an average of seventy-five to one hundred tracts a month put out. During a special campaign in Bridgeton and Vineland there were about two thousand tracts distributed telling the difference in beliefs between Seventh Day Baptists and other Sabbath keeping denominations.

One thousand of these tracts were distributed by mail in and around Bridgeton, the Tri-C Class paying the postage. Five hundred were distributed personally in Millville, and another five hundred in Vineland. With each of these, a gospel tract or a "newszette" was included.

Thirty-one subscriptions were taken to the Recorder during the year, including fifteen to our boys in the service, the latter made possible by the Sabbath school. Several renewal enrollments in the Tract-A-Month club were made. Nearly one hundred Sabbath seals were sold. These are very attractive and contain a very thoughtful message on the Sabbath. There is a supply on hand at all times. We have a well-supplied tract rack in the back of the church. By using these seals and tracts along with our correspondence, we are promoting the Sabbath in our own small way.

Discarded and left-over Sabbath school helps and papers have been collected and sent to Miss Elizabeth Randolph for use in the work in Palatka and Carraway, Fla.

Church calendars were given to inactive and non-attending church members along with Sabbath and gospel tracts.

—Mary C. Ayars.

# Christian Education

Rev. Harley Sutton, Alfred Station, N. Y.

Sponsored by the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SCHOOL BEGUN AT NORTH LOUP, NEB.

It is a beautiful day in Nebraska! I am sitting, while I write, in the living room of the George Maxson home at North Loup.



Harley Sutton

This is where some have already spoken in such appreciative language of former Editor Van Horn as "Herby!" It is his "home town," and there is always a warm spot in our hearts for the home folks and the old familiar sites of the home town.

Wednesday night, January 30, was the first session of the School of Christian Education. There are two classes the first period. Rev. Mr. Mitchell teaches New Testament and I have, "The Church at Work for Small Children." During the second period both groups combine, and I teach "Personal Religious Living." Rev. A. C. Ehret conducts a worship service which comes between the two class periods. Classes meet at the schoolhouse, which is warm and convenient for the meetings.

Attendance was much better the second night, with about seventeen people in the classes. At this writing just the two sessions have been held, and more people will be enrolled before the school closes.

## LEADERSHIP TRAINING SCHOOL

The West District will conduct its own leadership training school this year beginning Monday night, January 28, and continuing for six Mondays.

Dr. N. A. Robbins of Toms River will be the Bible teacher, leading a study of Genesis. Mrs. Somers Corson will give a course for teachers of primaries and beginners. A problem discussion hour under the leadership of Rev. B. F. Ferguson, with the other pastors assisting, will be the third course.

During the second hour each night a different missionary will speak after a song service led by Mrs. Bert B. Sheppard. Pastor Osborn of Shiloh, N. J., is the dean of the school.—Shiloh Bulletin.

## SHILOH SABBATH SCHOOL HOLDS WORKER'S MEETING

### Record Attendance for Communion

The Sabbath school opened its fiscal year by having a worker's conference at which several worth-while recommendations were given.

A record attendance of one hundred sixty-one was attained at Joint Communion on November 18. Average attendance for the year was one hundred twenty-five.

The young people and boys and girls presented a Christmas program on Christmas Eve, following which all classes joined in a White Christmas service.

The following have been accomplished this year: one year membership taken in Anti-Saloon League; \$10 contributed to County Council of Christian Education; \$50 each sent to Jamaica Student Fund, to Jamaica School Fund, to work in Columbus, Miss., to Jamaica for advanced evangelistic work, to Elizabeth Randolph for the Florida work; \$13.50 given to Ella Mae Davis toward purchase of organ; two attended the eight-day youth camp at Keswick; Daily Vacation Bible school conducted for ten days; picnic held with other West District churches; primary department given power to purchase chairs and cover tables with linoleum.

Since August 18 different classes have been in charge of the opening exercises and have been a great help.

The cradle roll superintendent reports six graduated to the beginner's department and seven new enrollments, making a total membership at present of twenty-two.

—Shiloh Bulletin.

These news items from North Loup and Shiloh reveal the fact that these churches are really at work in Christian education. It is good to hear from them.—H. S.

The elimination of selfish interests is essential to good government. In other words, the ideal can only be obtained when God rules in the affairs of men. No nation has a monopoly of saints or sinners.

—Sir Wilfred Grenfell.

# In the Spirit of the King James Version

By Frances Dunlap Heron

(Last in a series of four articles on the Revised Standard Version of the New Testament.)

Forty-seven professors, linguists, theologians, clergymen, and laymen in 1611 reported to King James I of England that they had finished preparing a version of the Bible "appointed to be read in churches." For more than three hundred years it has fulfilled that purpose. Nothing has displaced the hold of its incomparably beautiful prose on the ears—and hence the hearts—of worshippers.

On February 11, 1946, a committee of modern Bible scholars, headed by Dean Luther A. Weigle of Yale Divinity School, reported to the International Council that they had finished their assigned task on the Revised Standard Version of the New Testament. It is now making its way into the family circle, the Bible school class, and the pulpit. Four years' work remains to be done on the Old Testament.

### Understanding the Writers

The revisers have not attempted to abolish the King James Version. They have intended rather to supplement it. They want worshippers not only to enjoy hearing the reading of God's Word, but to understand what the evangelists and other writers meant. To achieve such a purpose has meant the substitution of clear English words for seventeenth century expressions that have long since lost or changed their meaning. It has meant the correction of inaccuracies in the light of new knowledge gained from the discovery of old manuscripts and papyri.

A person reading the Bible privately can reflect on unfamiliar words and sentence structures until he gets the meaning. But members of a congregation listening to the minister read the Scripture must catch the sense the first time or miss it altogether. Boys and girls get little out of hearing their father lead devotions in a mysterious sounding language. For these worshippers, at home and at church, the revision committee has sought to make the current of the central thought flow in a straight, sure channel.

Naturally a version in the direct, terse diction of the twentieth century cannot have just the same kind of beauty as the melo-

dious, stately prose of the Elizabethan era. The Revised Standard Version offers the beauty of forcefulness, of vitality, of simplicity. Its creators hope that that beauty will attune to this generation's ear and heart—and mind.

The following comparisons of passages in the King James and Revised Standard Versions indicate how the modernization of verb forms, pronouns, and sentence structure simplifies the meaning for the worshiper. First, Matthew 13: 18-23:

### King James

Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower. When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side. But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended. He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choketh the word, and he becometh unfruitful. But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

### Revised Standard

Hear then the parable of the sower. When any one hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in his heart; this is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is he who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the delight in riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is he who hears the word and understands it; he indeed bears fruit, and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.

Now, Hebrews 11: 1-3:

### King James

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.



## Children's Page

Mizpah S. Greene, Andover, N. Y.

### OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

We read and enjoy the Children's Page. I wonder, will you be surprised to get a letter from Jamaica?

Mrs. Powell's letter about New Orleans seems much like Kingston. Seaport cities may be a lot alike, locked gates, high walls, and all.

It seemed strange at first to see people with large baskets and trays on their heads going about the streets calling, "mangoes, sweet oranges, pears (avocados), papaw, breadfruit, pineapple, soursop, plums, ackee, ginep," and many other things. At first we couldn't understand what any of them were saying. Breadfruit looks much like hedge apple, and I have been wondering how they would taste.

There is every sort of cart: mule, donkey, or horse-drawn and many hand-pushed. The bread wagon is mule-drawn, and the driver rings a bell. Another bell announces the ice cream wagon, drawn by a team. It is a regular little shop and a lady sits in back, ladles up the cream and also sells cakes and sweeties. The peanut man shoves his cart along, and it has a shrill whistle. The man who sells us Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, and yams, shoves a heavy cart and calls out in a pleasant but loud voice what he is selling. Everyone burns charcoal, and it is sold by women with baskets on their heads, by men shoving carts, and by the bag on wagons drawn by teams. They call "Coal."

#### Revised Standard

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the men of old received divine approval. By faith we understand that the world was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was made out of things which do not appear.

The translators of the Revised Standard Version present it with the hope that that faith in the unseen will grow in the hearts and minds of all who hear and read its Word.

[Bookstores are selling the Revised Standard Version in a blue cloth cover with colored jacket for \$2 a copy. It is planned that other bindings will be available after June 1, 1946. Thomas Nelson & Sons, 381 Fourth Ave., New York, N. Y., publish this new version.]

Then there is a man who calls, "Any soldering?" I watched him solder our sprayer. He tried to solder the spout on Charlotte's teakettle but could not because it is aluminum. I watched another man sharpen our knives and scissors one day.

Then there are those who buy empty bottles and jars, and they go about calling, "Any pints?" Fish, lobsters, lettuce, tomatoes, cabbage, and many other things to eat are sold by street venders; but if you want beef you go to market and get in line to await your turn.

The bell we all hear the best is the letter carrier's bell. He rides a bicycle. If there is mail he rings a bell, and we go out and get it. If there is no mail he rides on by. The Sabbath Recorder and tracts are delivered by a horse-drawn Royal mail dray. Letters to be mailed are put in boxes on street corners.

There are many pretty ferns, flowers, shrubs, and trees, but the grandest tree is the Royal Palm.

I like school here fine, but it is hard to remember to start multiplying from the left.

I spent a week in the country at Luna with Pastor Smellie twice. He gave me a pretty black and white kitty, Checko. She is my only pet; but a duck flies over our back fence and goes under the maid's room to lay every day; then she leaves. She thinks her nest is hidden. She now has nine eggs. Brother Henriques from Tydixon has promised to try to catch a young parrot for me.

My letter is so long you may need to leave some out, but I haven't told near all about Jamaica.

Your new friend,

Ronald F. Randolph,

(nine years old).

No. 1, So. St. Raetown,

Kingston, Jamaica.

Dear Ronald:

No, indeed! I'll not leave out one word of your very interesting and descriptive letter, especially since it is the only letter I have received this week. I do hope you will write again soon and tell us more about Jamaica. Two Jamaican children used to write to me, but I haven't heard from them

in a long time. They were May Hamid and Lloyd Jonas. I received their photos taken one day when they wrote to me. The Hargis children also wrote to me when they were in Jamaica, but no one has told me as much about Jamaica customs as you have, and I'm anxious to hear more.

Perhaps you know May and Lloyd, though they must be quite grown-up now. Lloyd wrote a number of times, and I was very sorry when he stopped writing. Perhaps like some other children he began to think he was too old to write; but surely if I'm not too old to write, neither is he.

I don't wonder you find it hard to remember to start multiplying from the left. I'm going to try it myself when I have time and am sure I'll find it a bit difficult, too. I'm wondering if some of the Recorder children will not try it, too. A certain minister who was pastor of the Andover Presbyterian Church a number of years ago would not allow his wife, an experienced driver, to drive their car because she was brought up in the Bahama Islands. He was sure she would forget and turn the wrong way if she met another car.

I am very glad you decided to write to me and hope you will write often.

Yours in Christian love,

Mizpah S. Greene.

### FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Editor:

I wish to make a correction in a marriage published in the Recorder of January 21, 1946. Milton R. Maxson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin R. Maxson of Battle Creek, Mich.

Yours respectfully,

Mrs. Edwin R. Maxson.

Battle Creek, Mich.

Dear Editor and Fellow-Christians of the Seventh Day Baptist Churches:

Greetings in the precious name of Jesus! I read and reread the good article by Promoter of Evangelism L. O. Greene which appeared in the Sabbath Recorder of December 24 entitled "Pastors, Please Consider." I thank God for such a man!

The first point is so rich that I feel led of the Lord to enlarge upon it as we face this great need. This is part of Brother

Greene's point: "As we face a year of evangelism, it will be well for each pastor to meet his church officers and leaders at the altar." Our churches and people need a spiritual awakening to compete with the great need of evangelism in a sinking, sinful world. Paul the Apostle writes to the Ephesian Church and names the complete ministry for a complete church. Ephesians 4: 11, 12.

It has been my privilege to receive the Seventh Day Baptist Year Book. As I read the list of our pastors, I was shocked to see only one evangelist. I realize that an evangelist, unless he is called and gifted by God, will do more harm than good; but do not forget that the same principle also applies to pastors. The calling and the gift in both cases is of God.

The Apostle Paul, one of the greatest missionary evangelists, reminded Timothy to do the work of an evangelist. No doubt in the early Church the need of pastors was great. Along with such evangelists as Paul and all the other apostles, there were Apollos, Philip, Barnabas; also many prophets, Silas, and Judas (not Iscariot); and many helpers namely, Priscilla and Aquila, John Mark, Tychicus, Onesimus, Aristarchus, Justus, Epaphras, Luke the beloved physician, and many others. Nevertheless, Paul realized that Timothy's calling was that of an evangelist, and while Timothy was ordained the first bishop of the Church at Ephesus because of the great need of pastoring, he still reminded him of his chosen work. 2 Timothy 4: 5.

Whenever or wherever a pastor or a church takes the attitude that many are taking these days—namely, that an evangelist just stirs things up and after he is gone everything goes down again—I say, and I say it kindly, that that pastor or that church is in a backslidden condition, and their only hope in getting back to the right place is the very thing they oppose!

It would take too much time and space to describe the work of an evangelist, but this will suffice: The work of a true evangelist is continually to remind us as members of the Church of the needy world dying without the gospel. He will stir up by way of remembrance (2 Peter 1: 13) the gift within us (1 Timothy 4: 14), if we have truly received Christ; if not, before a campaign is over, we will have the opportunity of examining ourselves if we are in the faith or be found reprobates (2 Corinthians 13: 5)

and therefore come to Jesus with a broken and contrite heart and receive full and free salvation from sin.

The second part of the first point of Brother Greene says: "and earnestly pray for a vision of the great opportunity which awaits them and seek for a baptism of spiritual power to meet it." Every man and woman, boy and girl at the age of accountability, who names the precious name of Jesus needs to kneel at an altar of prayer (this could be at home or in church) and seek Jesus and more of Jesus! We need a baptism of spiritual power to meet every need and condition; without that, we shall fail in the "high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

This makes me think of two verses of Scripture: "Not by might, nor by power (men's power), but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Zechariah 4: 6. The other verse is found in 1 Samuel 10: 6, "And the spirit of the Lord will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man."

Here is the fourth point of Brother Greene: "Do not hesitate to challenge your church people to set aside a certain time each day for family meditation and prayer . . . Fires need rekindling on every family altar." I'm just beginning to have a life of prayer, and it is the victorious way of living! Many problems and burdens are being solved and lifted because of the beautiful weapon of prayer. Yes, Satan trembles when we kneel humbly before Jesus.

It is true that sometimes we have to force ourselves to pray, but even if we do begin our prayers in the natural, if we earnestly keep seeking God, we will soon be praying in the Spirit. Many wait until they are "in the mood to pray," and never get to pray, although the flesh will get moody and pray, and it seems that they are "getting somewhere," but that is the flesh and they are being robbed by the enemy of their soul of great blessings and privileges unknown to carnal professors. Whether we feel like praying or not, let us set up an altar where we can meet God by praying through! Once the Spirit comes upon us and bears witness with our spirit, we do not want to stop talking to Jesus, the Lord of Glory.

The first thing we do is pray for those who have no use for us! Oh, it is wonderful! Glory be to Jesus! If a need presents

itself, we gladly pray all night, as Jesus, our Great Example, did. Luke 6: 12-19. Then the virtue of God goes out of us unto those to whom Jesus sends us.

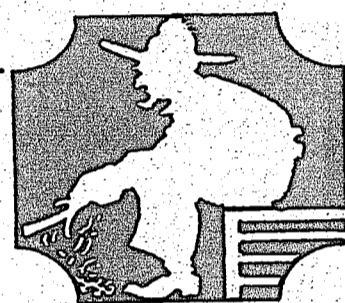
We can all have the victory over all the power of the enemy (Luke 10: 19) by taking heed to Jesus (Luke 11: 9-13) and by taking to heart the seven points that our promoter of evangelism has brought forth in the article, "Pastors, Please Consider."

May the Lord Jesus use us all in his own way in winning souls.

Raymond Prati.

Schenectady, N. Y.

## OLD-TIMER SEZ . . .



"I've always bin glad our God wasn't only a God of big things like these whirlin' universes, but was also the God of little things like molekules and atoms. The Book sez not even a sparrow falls but what He notes it. That's a gettin' right down into my class. We found out these here atoms ain't nothin' to make fun of neither."

## Marriages

**Babcock - Steele.** — Richard Owen Babcock, son of Mr. Rolla O. Babcock of North Loup, Neb., and Miss Mary Irene Steele, daughter of the late Judge and Mrs. Daniel W. Steele of Highgate Center, Vt., were united in marriage on December 24, 1945, in the Steele homestead. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Raymond Finehont, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church at Highgate.

**Cottrell - Melines.** — William B. Cottrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Royal L. Cottrell of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Miss Jeannette Elizabeth Melines, daughter of Dr. Benjamin B. Melines of Buffalo, N. Y., were married in the home of the bride on January 21, 1944, by Rev. Thomas Pentland, an intimate friend of the bride's father. The home is at 91 Outer Drive, Oak Ridge, Tenn.

**Cottrell - Klump.** — Henry L. Cottrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Royal L. Cottrell of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Miss Marjorie A. Klump, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Klump, of Harbor Beach, Mich., were married in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hollander, intimate friends of the bride's family, on December 24, 1945, by Rev. L. H. Knight, pastor of the Harbor Beach Presbyterian Church. The home of the newlyweds is at 214 Southwest St., Bellevue, Ohio.

**Gracey - Wolfe.** — James A. Gracey of Altoona, Pa., and Huldah L. Wolfe of Salemville, Pa., were united in marriage at the parsonage of the Second Avenue United Brethren Church, Altoona, December 5, 1945. Rev. Max Houser, pastor of the groom, officiated. They will reside at 423 Third Ave., Altoona.

**Morse - Steele.** — Frank D. Morse of Madera, Calif., and Miss Leota Steele of Boulder, Colo., were united in marriage on December 31, 1945, at the home of the bride's parents. Rev. Earl Cruzan officiated. The home address at present is 325 W. 5th St., Madera.

## Obituary

**Babcock.** — Newell Arthur, son of Deacon Arthur E. Babcock (who passed away December 9, 1945) and Frances McKee Babcock, was born April 21, 1908, at Nile, N. Y., and died January 21, 1946, at the Cuba Hospital, a victim of a sudden attack of pneumonia.

He was baptized by Rev. John F. Randolph July 15, 1922, and joined the Friendship Seventh Day Baptist Church at Nile. He was united in marriage with Harriet Velna DePew June 28, 1934.

He is survived by his wife, his mother, his brother Harold D., and two children, Calvin and Carolyn.

Farewell services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. Ralph H. Coon, at the Friendship Seventh Day Baptist church. Interment was at the Mt. Hope Cemetery, Friendship, N. Y. R. H. C.

**Cooper.** — William Franklin, was born in Norwich, Ontario, in 1876, and was called to rest January 7, 1946.

Eighteen years ago Mr. Cooper was married to Laura Jeffrey (a member of the Los Angeles Seventh Day Baptist Church) in Los Angeles, Calif. Recently they moved to Lansing, Mich., where they lived until he was brought to the Battle Creek Sanitarium Hospital because of his illness. He was a Methodist by profession of faith.

Close survivors are his wife, a daughter Mrs. W. D. Mock, a brother Roy, and a sister Mrs. H. J. Wall. A. L. W.

**Wright.** — Frank Henry, was born June 11, 1860, in Putnam County, Mo., and died in Boulder, Colo., on January 29, 1946.

Close survivors are his wife, two daughters, and seven sons.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Earl Cruzan with Howe's Mortuary in charge. Interment was in Green Mt. Cemetery. E. C.

## NEWELL ARTHUR BABCOCK

Newell Arthur Babcock was an outstanding Christian and devoted to the work of the Nile Church and Sabbath school. At the time of his death he was superintendent of the Sabbath school, teacher of the Young People's Class, treasurer of the church, and a member of the board of trustees. In the Sabbath school he kept things moving and

always brought out the deep spiritual truths of the lessons. He was an efficient treasurer; and his work as trustee is shown by the fact that when a regular janitor could not be found, he did that work himself. He was always present with his family at the Friday evening prayer meeting. His prayers were deep and his testimonies showed the real joy he found in his Christian faith.

Newell believed in letting his light shine. I find it very difficult to visualize his face apart from his cheery smile. He made it a practice to tell his friends about the Lord Jesus and urged them to accept the Saviour and join the church.

His employer said he did not expect to find another man who could do the work as foreman on the oil lease as well as Newell did. As a Justice of the Peace and member of the town board the other members of the community relied on his integrity and good judgment at all times.

His life was a good commentary on the following Scripture verses: "Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say, Rejoice." Philippians 4: 4. " whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as unto the Lord, and not unto men." Colossians 3: 23. R. H. C.

Whereas our heavenly Father has called our friend, Mrs. Hattie Stout, to her rest, we wish to express our sympathy to her family in their loss. We appreciated her long life of service which was of value to many. She was baptized by Rev. Mr. Hull and joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Lost Creek, W. Va. She joined the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church by letter June 12, 1880. She passed away January 10, 1946.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, placed in the church records, and sent to the Sabbath Recorder.

Lenora Saunders,  
Pearl Sheldon,  
Resolutions Committee.

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# WHAT SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS ARE DOING

(DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP")

Berlin, N. Y.

The Berlin church is happy to announce that one of its members, Clifford Greene, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Greene, having completed his high school work by the middle of his senior year, has entered Salem College to begin his studies in preparation for the gospel ministry. A farewell party in his honor was held Monday evening, January 28, at the home of Pastor and Mrs. Paul L. Maxson. About thirty were present.

Sandwiches, cake, and coffee were served. Clifford was presented with a substantial purse in token of love and esteem.

We are enjoying our new Hammond electric organ and have begun a series of biweekly vesper services on Friday evening preceding the regular young people's meeting. Miss Janet Bullock plays the organ at these evening vespers.

A group of twenty-five or more, including young adults and their families, have been meeting once a month since last summer at various homes for a covered dish supper and social evening. It affords pleasant fellowship, especially for some who, because of distance from the church or young children in the family, have been compelled to drop out of regular participation in the young people's meetings.

—Frances W. Ellis.

New Auburn, Wis.

Because of bad weather our annual dinner and business meeting was not held until January 27 at the home of Ivar Pederson.

President C. B. Loofbourrow conducted the meeting. Election of officers brought the following results: pastor, Neal D. Mills; president, Mr. Loofbourrow; vice-president, Mrs. Arthur North; clerk, Clara Loofboro; trustee, Claude Haskins; organist, Mrs. Mills; chorister, Mrs. Wayne Rood; usher, Paul Pederson. All reports showed progress and the treasurer's report indicated a good balance on hand.

A group of women met at the parsonage January 31 to make and repair baby clothes to be sent to Europe. Our church is sending some clothing to the Church Committee for Overseas Relief. Also we are aiding in the collection for UNRRA.

Last fall the Ladies' Aid packed six Christmas boxes to go to the needy children in Europe. Fruit cakes were sent to our boys still overseas. — Correspondent.

Stonefort, Ill.

The Old Stone Fort Seventh Day Baptist Church held its annual meeting January 19, 1946. The following officers were elected: pastor, Addison Appel; moderator, Rev. Oliver Lewis; clerk, Mrs. Ralph Lewis; treasurer, Sallie Appel; pianist, Mrs. Addison Appel; chorister, Charles E. Lewis. The duties of corresponding secretary were assumed by the clerk and pastor. Our new pastor is not new to us as he has lived in the community all his life.

He is a young man, twenty-nine years old, married, and has two children. This is the first time he has served as pastor of a church. He was licensed June 17, 1944, being baptized two years before by Rev. C. L. Hill of Farina. Since being licensed, he has divided his appointments with the former pastor, Mr. Lewis. Liked in both the church and the community, our new pastor is well qualified.

The severe winter and bad roads in this section of the state have kept the attendance small, but we are hoping for better conditions before many weeks.

The program this year will include Sunday night meetings in addition to the regular Sabbath day services, and a revival in the spring, if the Lord is willing.

—Church Clerk.

Denver, Colo.

Although Denver has not been heard from recently, the church and its affiliated organizations have been (Continued on page 140)

## COME, LET US WORSHIP TOGETHER

"The seventh day is the sabbath."

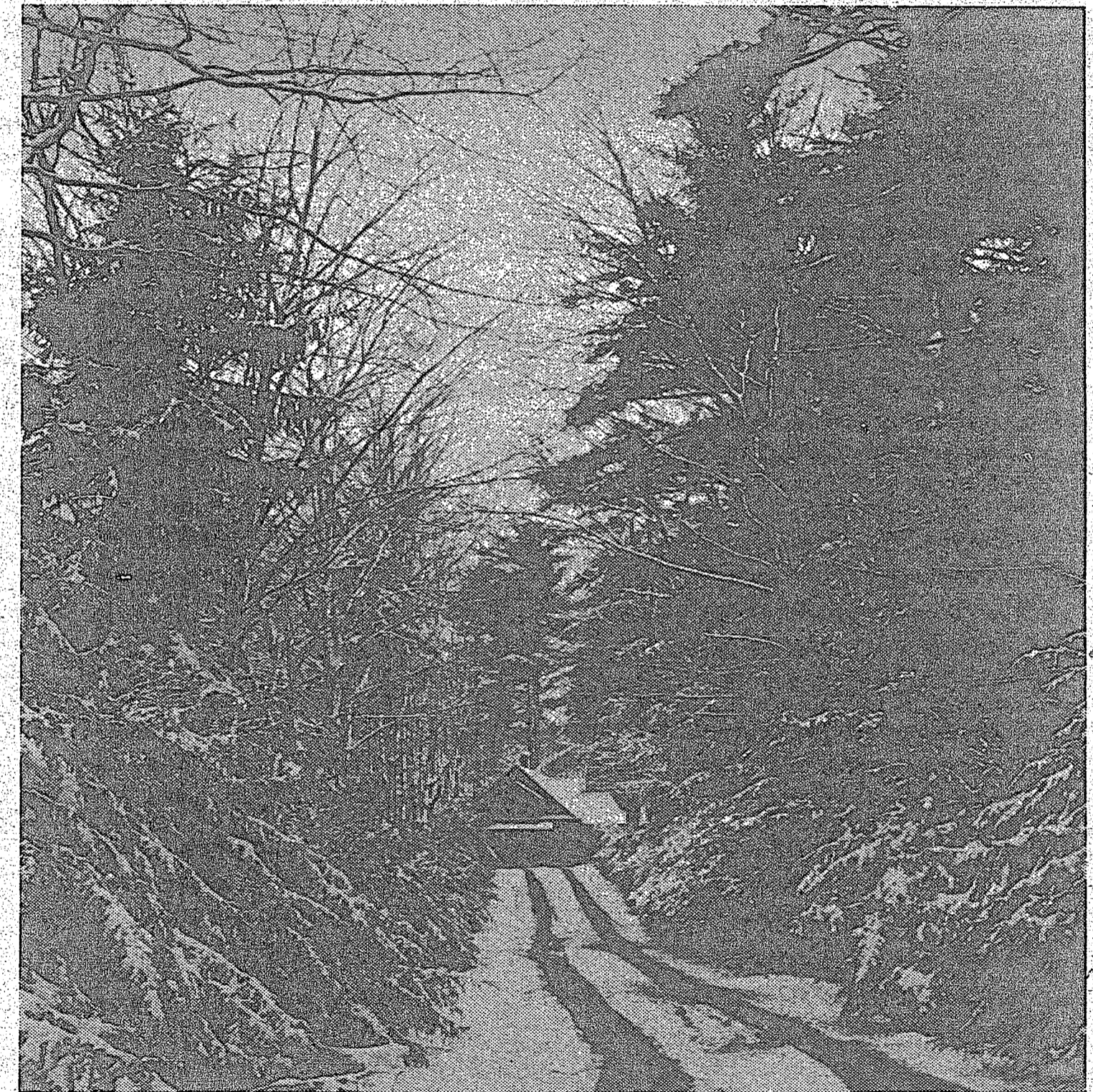
New York City — Judson Memorial Baptist Church, Washington Square, Foot of Fifth Ave., 11 a.m.

Washington, D. C. — Mt. Vernon Place Methodist Church, 900 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., 10:30 a.m.

Chicago, Ill. — Du Paw University Building, 64 East Lake St., 2:30 p.m.

Los Angeles, Calif. — Seventh Day Baptist Church, 264 West 42nd St. 11 a.m.

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"How sweet on a clear Sabbath morning,  
To list to the clear ringing bell;  
Its tones so sweetly are calling,  
Oh, come to the church in the vale."